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the day or the year given, were denied registration. Nearly all were asked if they had listed and paid their poll tax and if not, they were disqualified, when the constitutional requirements to vote in the election law makes no such requirements. In many townships men were solemnly asked upon their oath about their private family affairs. How he and his wife got along together and other foolish and absurd questions and in many instances if he was not living with his wife, or had not been divorced, or domestic troubles of any kind, he was promptly disfranchised. In Hall's township, a white man was disfranchised because he plowed half a day without a plow-point. After they had denied several hundred in the county of registration in the way I have stated above, they drove many from the polls by intimidation and threats, and by requiring them to take solemn oaths about trivial and irrelevant matters and threatening them with criminal prosecution for perjury if they made an incorrect statement in any particular. Hundreds were registered on strips of paper and these strips were afterwards destroyed by the registrar and their names never carried to the registration books at all.

All of this fraud and devilry was of no avail. The county grew stronger Populist every day. Some other plan must be resorted to. Their next scheme was larceny and it began in this way:

HONEYCUTT'S TOWNSHIP.  
This township, the old home of Senator Butler, is a large and strongly Populist township. On the last day of registration it could be easily seen by the Democrats that the Populists would have a tremendous majority in the township. W. A. Baggett, the Democratic registrar, on returning home in the evening of the last day of registration, claims that he was assaulted about dark in a few hundred yards of his home by a mob of men and made to surrender the registration books. He made no alarm and had no search made for the parties, but came to Clinton and reported the fact and had it wired to the State papers that the Populists had stolen the book, claiming his book showed a registered majority of 27 votes for the Democrats, while both Baggett, the registrar, and John D. Kerr, who sent out the libelous report, knew that it was untrue.

There was a legal election held in this township. Each man taking an oath that he was registered, and the registrar, in the absence of the book, certifying to the same fact, and passed all that were properly registered to the polls, who voted. The actual count after the polls closed showed 29 Democrats and 241 Populists, and yet in the face of this, John Kerr wired to the State papers the vile slander upon the Populists of Honeycutt's township that they had stolen the registration books as the Democrats had 27 majority in the township. The canvassing board, at Mr. Kerr's request, threw out the entire vote of Honeycutt's because they alleged that not all the men in the township voted on the day of election. The Populists then agreed to give every man in the township whose name was on the registration books and count all not voting as Democrats. This they refused, and after having stolen the registration book from their own registrar, committed the double crime by throwing out the entire vote of the township, thereby stealing 241 Populist votes in one precinct.

Their next crime was in LISBON TOWNSHIP.  
This is another Populist stronghold. The first registrar the Democrats appointed was given his instructions how to proceed with the dirty work of cheating the Populist out of votes, and he was either afraid to do it or he was too honest to do it and after registering about fifty voters resigned.

The County Board of Elections then appointed another registrar. He registered a few and then he resigned, and instead of sending the book and his resignation direct to H. E. Falson, the chairman of the board,

he expressed them to J. D. Kerr to Clinton via Wilmington in order to cause delay, and consequently for about 10 days there was no registrar or registration book in the township. The county board then appointed another and after considerable delay, he resigned, and then another was appointed who was a practicing physician with many sick fever patients; and of course it was understood he was to resign. The Democrats and Populists of the township then recommended another who was a democrat and who, promised to serve as registrar, and he came to Clinton to receive his appointment, but the board refused to appoint him, but appointed another man who they knew before hand, would resign. Finally the last day of registration came and no registrar and less than one third of the qualified voters in the township registered. Every intelligent man in the township and Sampson county thoroughly understands the trouble in Lisbon township. It was a contemptible conspiracy between the election board and the chairman of the Democratic party of this county and these registrars. And to complete their dirty work, they took advantage of their own wrong and not only refused the 148 voters they had denied the privilege of voting, but threw out and refused to count the 99 votes properly registered and properly voted, thereby throwing out the entire vote of this township, consisting of 247 votes.

The cause of their cowardly and niggardly conduct is explained by the fact that the Populists had about 215 majority in the township. Their next steal was at TURKEY TOWNSHIP.

This was also a Populist township and the election passed off orderly and quietly and the registrar and judges declared that it was a fair election. When the canvassing board met Saturday the word was given and passed around by J. D. Kerr, the chief mogul and advisor for the sheepskin-looking outlay and Turkey township, with its entire vote of 228, was dumped on the litter heap. Luke Kennedy, the Democratic registrar, and brother of the Populist candidate for the Senate, J. T. Kennedy, in order to throw out the township and defeat his own brother, took the Holy Book and swore that there was intimidation at the polls, but said he was not intimidated, and when asked who was, could not name a single man or produce a single witness; yet, upon this hearsay evidence which is inadmissible in any court, and evidence which would be incompetent and insufficient, even if it were admissible, this board threw out Turkey township. It was done at the instance of the registrar of that township, the ungrateful brother of the Populist candidate for the Senate. It was an expert hearing and their conduct is without precedent in North Carolina and was without authority of law or shadow of evidence.

The Caucasian is informed from another source that five or six names were put on the stand to corroborate the Democratic registrar and every one of them swore that he was so intimidated so far as he could see.

They began their race again when they reached HERRING'S TOWNSHIP.

This was another strong Populist township and must be disposed of. The election passed off quietly and

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### SENATOR BUTLER'S POSITION.

On Tuesday last, Senator Butler stated his position in answer to a telegram from Mr. Bryan's State. The telegrams are as follows:

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 14, 1900.

HON. MARION BUTLER,

Nebraska Independent observes press dispatch that you will stump for McKinley. Wire denial for publication Wednesday.

### INDEPENDENT.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 14, 1900.

THE INDEPENDENT,

Lincoln, Neb.

Report unqualifiedly false. I am for Bryan and the Peoples Party nominee for Vice-President. I am in favor of the Committee nominating candidate on August 27. I am not a Democrat. I am not a Republican. I am a Populist. I was not for Stevenson in 1892 and am not for him now.

MARION BUTLER, Chairman.

### INDIGNATION MEETINGS.

The indignation meeting held on Monday, the 13th of August, in Chatham county, and the one called to be held on Saturday, the 18th, in Sampson county, are healthy signs of moral life and patriotic courage in these communities. They indicate that the people in some communities are determined not to let fraud and rascality and intimidation pass without challenge. The people are beginning to understand that if they allow their liberties to be taken away from them under the excuse recently offered, they will soon be taken away for less and less excuses. The point is, will they allow them to be taken away under any plea, for necessity has been the plea of all time, from Drach to the present time. It was necessary, the Rulers said, to burn witches in New England, and it was necessary to whip preachers in North Carolina and Virginia a little more than a century ago for free speech. The liberties of the people have never been taken away unless it is alleged that it was necessary to accomplish some good. But luckily the people are the judges of the necessity, and in Chatham and Sampson they have already called meetings to consider it and to determine whether the necessity is sufficient. The fraud and rascality has been as great or greater in other counties as in Sampson and Chatham. Therefore, there is as much reason, if not more for indignation meetings in a majority or three-fourths of the counties of the State. If the people begin to submit to such brazen rascality and fraud, they will soon learn to submit as tamely as have the people of Halifax for a quarter of a century. Unless you want the liberties of the people of your county to go Halifaxward, you should lose no time in asserting your manhood. If people submit to such outrages long enough, they will soon find themselves wanting in enough moral life and courage to defend their rights or denounce those who steal them.

### THE INSULT TO VANCE'S MEMORY.

The Vance Monument is to be unveiled in the Capital Square in front of the State House on next Wednesday, August 22nd. Vance was a deplorable man, and ardently admired and loved by a large number of the people of the State, and has the respect of all. It is fitting that a monument should be erected to him at the State Capitol, but it is not rather an unopportune time to do it? While Vance lived, he stood for the rights of the common people. He opposed election frauds, and all ways denounced and succeeded in defeating any effort to disfranchise the people of the State by educational or property qualification, or other wise. Now, as soon as he is dead, and even before a monument can be erected to his memory, all of the undemocratic and rascally things that he opposed have been accomplished in the name of democracy, and that too, under the leadership of the one man in North Carolina, (ballot box stuffers—Simmons), whom Vance denounced in terms more vigorous than a profit to hold any place of trust and profit, than probably he ever denounced any other man. But now since all these crimes against democratic principles and against the good name of the State have been committed under the leadership of this man Simmons, would it not be fitting and proper to complete this insult to the memory of Vance by having this man Simmons, whom Vance so loathed and despised, to deliver the speech at the unveiling of the monument?

### OF COURSE THE BUAL AND GREATEST INSULT TO THE MEMORY OF VANCE WOULD BE TO SEND THIS MAN SIMMONS TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE, AND THERE TO OCCUPY VANCE'S SEAT, WHERE THAT GREAT STATESMAN A FEW YEARS AGO, DENOUNCED AND EXPOSED THE TRICKERY OF THIS MAN SIMMONS, AND DECLARED THAT HE WAS UNFIT TO EVEN HOLD THE POSITION AS CHIEF RED LEGGED GRASS-HOPPER IN NORTH CAROLINA.

No conscientious Christian will steal an election, and no conscientious Christian will accept an office that he knows has been stolen for him.

### AN AMUSING CONTROVERSY.

Just now there seems to be much division and hair-pulling among the Democratic organs on the negro question. Before the election they all joined in one long continual monotonous shriek, that unless the Democratic party was put in power, one negro would dominate two white men. Since the election and adoption of the amendment, some of these Democratic organs declare that they are tired of the negro question, that they had promised the people that they would hush this senseless and disgusting cry of negro domination, as soon as the amendment was adopted. While another part of the Democratic organs have begun to denounce their brethren for not continuing the negro howl, saying it is foolish to stop as it is the only issue on which they can win.

THE CAUCASIAN has little interest in this dog fight. Indeed it is difficult to decide which faction of these negro howlers is the more inconsistent. While it is a fact that they all promised that the amendment would settle the negro question, and that if it were adopted they would not keep this cry as a political foot-ball any longer, yet no one with a memory as long as long, and a thimble full of brains, ever supposed that they meant what they said. The very fact that they promised to give the negro issue a long rest, was one good reason to believe that they did not intend to do it.

In the campaign of 1898 did they not promise the people of every stump? Did they not pledge the people through their handbooks? Did they not pledge the people through the columns of every Democratic paper, that if they were put in power they would submit no disfranchising amendment? Did not their base and brazen betrayal of their pledge disgust an overwhelming majority of the people of the State, and is not this the reason it is necessary for them to pass a thieving election law to steal six thousand majority that the indignant people did really pile up against them on August 23rd? Now, since the election is over and the amendment is adopted it seems that some of them for some reason want to keep their promise and stop howling negro, while it seems that some of the others, for some other reason, want to keep up the cry. We have little interest or concern as to which course any or all of them take. It may be well, that they have fallen out, at least, the present situation is suggestive of that old adage: "When thieves fall out, honest men get their dues." To this end it may be well that the hair-pulling has begun, and to this end may it long continue. However, the people will probably have no sympathy with either side, not even for the under dog in this fight. "The way of the transgressor is hard."

### INDICTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS IN SAMPSON.

On the front page of this issue will be found one of the strongest and most remarkable indictments ever made by anybody against anybody for any office in North Carolina. The statements of facts set forth some of the infamous rascality resorted to by the agents and tools of Simmons and his State machine are terribly shocking. We for bear further comment. Let every one read and consider this indictment for himself.

No doubt similar if not greater frauds and rascalties were committed in a majority of the counties of the State. In every county the facts should be written up as they have been in Sampson and published to the world. Where the evidence can be secured and justice can be gotten the election thieves should be prosecuted in the courts. But whether this is done or not, if one-tenth of the rascality and crime committed by the Democratic machine in the last election is made public, there is enough honesty, courage and manhood in North Carolina to buy this infamous and corrupt political machine at the next election under a majority so big and so deep that it cannot be stolen. Turn on the light in every county.

### AS OTHERS SEE IT.

We clip from the Washington Post, some short paragraphs, showing what that paper thinks of North Carolina and the methods the Democrats resorted to in the late campaign. In no paper out of the State have we seen where the Populists have been criticised for any unbecoming acts perpetrated in the recent campaign. The Post says:

"The Hon. Stump Ashby will return to Texas with a very poor opinion of Mr. Bryan's North Carolina friends."

The North Carolina Democrats should hasten to turn their red shirts into golf coats and summer down. They are embarrassing Mr. Bryan's campaign against "government without the consent," etc.

The Vance Democratic banner goes to Halifax county, a county that has two thousand more negro voters than white voters. This fact causes the Charlotte Observer to remark that "Mecklenburg yields the Vance banner to Halifax with a blush."

North Carolina can stand the heat, she has just had a coat of white wash.—Times-Visitor.

Well, it does seem so, since all the negro, black counties gave such large Democratic majorities, and Halifax gets the Vance banner. But like everything else white-washed, it was done without its aid and consent and even by force.

### IS IT WORTH WHILE TO CONTEST?

We have received many letters asking this question after detailing the theft and rascality committed by the Democratic election officials in the various counties. Every person who was a candidate for any office in the recent election, and believes that he was fairly elected, owes it to himself, to his party, and to his country, to make a contest and show the fraud and villainy by which the will of the people was defeated. Every good citizen, without regard to party, who believes in fair and honest elections, ought to take a hand in such contest, and should by pecuniary aid help to defray the expenses which the candidate necessarily incurs in conducting legal proceedings. Although this may involve trouble and expense, it is now a fight for the liberty of every citizen to vote as he pleases and to have his vote fairly counted and recorded as he cast it. Elections are designed to ascertain what persons are desired by the people as their officers. In the recent election a great many qualified voters have been denied the right to register and vote; in many cases other votes have been substituted in the place of those actually cast, and in this way false returns have been made of the votes which were handed in and if truly counted would have shown a very different result. In some instances, on the most quibble and pretext, the returns from a precinct have been rejected on account of "irregularities."

In some cases no returns were sent at all, and our voters at those precincts denied the right of suffrage. Where will this thing end? To submit to it is to simply allow the poll-holders and registrars to select officers in each county, and to thwart and nullify the will of the will of the people in their choice of officers. The exposure of these frauds, and the ventilation of them in the court houses will do much to prevent their recurrence in the future. This kind of investigation, when the excitement of an election has cooled down and honesty must come to the front, will show that the people are far more honest than the men who often attempt to lead them; and that a machine which is unscrupulous cannot long maintain itself in open defiance and disregard of all rules of decency and honesty.

### THE EDITOR OF THE NEWS AND OBSERVER HAS BEEN OUT WEST WITH MR. BRYAN AND THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Some think he is after campaign funds; some that he wants to get a pledge from Mr. Bryan for a cabinet position. This reminds us that he got a position under Mr. Cleveland and could not hold it down, and he then had more sense and more influence in North Carolina politics than he has now, if the leading Democratic and religious papers of the State, are to be believed.

### IS THE MACHINE NOW DEPENDENT ON SENATOR BUTLER'S HELP?

One day the Democratic national committee in this state declared in interviews and through his personal organ that the help of Senator Butler is not wanted to carry the state for Bryan and that he would not be permitted to speak from any Democratic stump for Bryan. The next day this political chameleon through his organ abuses Senator Butler and charges that he is not going to help carry the state for Bryan.

### TO ALL OF WHICH THE CAUCASIAN SIMPLY WISHES TO MAKE TWO OBSERVATIONS: FIRST, THAT SENATOR BUTLER PURSUE HIS OWN COURSE AND DO HIS DUTY AS HE HAS ALWAYS DONE, WITHOUT REGARD TO WHAT ANY DEMOCRATIC POLITICIAN SAYS OR DOES NOT SAY. SECOND, THAT IF SIMMONS, DANIELS & COMPANY WANT THIS STATE TO GO FOR BRYAN THEY HAVE THE MACHINERY WITH WHICH TO STEAL IT FOR HIM, NO MATTER HOW THE PEOPLE VOTE, BY AS BIG A MAJORITY AS THEY TOLE THE STATE OFFICERS FOR THEMSELVES.

### THE NEWS AND OBSERVER, THE "BIG-OR" ORGAN OF THE STATE, CALLS US "JOHN FAKE CICK, THE ASSISTANT EDITOR OF THE COW-CASSIAN." WELL, WITH ALL THE "FAKES" AND "COWS," ONE THING IS CERTAIN, NO ONE CAN, WITH ANY DEGREE OF TRUTH, CALL US A "BULLFALO CALF."

### THE NEGRO ALL RIGHT.

The negro is all right to vote when he votes the Democratic ticket. He is then a good fellow and a sweet smelling savor. "The colored people" of Fayetteville took no interest whatever in the election Thursday, and having no Republican ticket, the bulk of them voted the Democratic ticket straight, a great number of them openly voting for the amendment. Fayetteville Observer.

"Here the negro took no interest whatever in the election, and papers from other cities and towns show that while they took comparatively little interest in it, many of them did as the negroes in Fayetteville did, voted for the amendment and the Democratic ticket."—Wilmington Star.

Then, if they are that way, why make such ado about the race issue this fall?

### THE GENERAL AND WHOLESOME STEAL BY THE SIMMONS MACHINE, TOGETHER WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF THE DRUNKEN RED SHIRTS TO ABUSE AND THREATEN GOOD MEN'S LIVES, WILL AROUSE EVERY HONEST WHITE MAN, BUT IT WILL UNITE AND BUILD UP THE PEOPLES PARTY IN THE STATE MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER, AND IN TWO YEARS THEY WILL NUMBER ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND. LET THE MOTTO BE "ORGANIZATION."

### THE NEWS AND OBSERVER FOR BRYAN.

The News and Observer, on the 11th says: "The Charlotte Observer thanks God it has said nothing harsh of Butler since the August election, and deprecates and deplores the storm of denunciation that has rained upon his head." Then the News and Observer concludes by saying: "As we understand it, neither Butler nor the Observer is supporting Mr. Bryan just now."

Now, if we are rightly informed, the News and Observer is supporting Mr. Bryan because it has to. For in the National Convention on July the 5th the editor of the News and Observer voted against Mr. Bryan's nomination, while Senator Butler, in the Populist Convention labored and worked for his nomination. So take the case and see who is who and what is what.

### DEMOCRATS HAVE BEEN ARGUING THAT A CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE COULD NOT BOAST OF ANY EXCELLENCE ABOVE THE VOTERS WHO ELECTED HIM. WE SUPPOSE THAT IS WHY OUR DEMOCRATIC FRIENDS ARE NOT BOASTING OF THEIR RECENT SO-CALLED VICTORY, SINCE THEY CARRIED EVERY NEGRO COUNTY AND OWE THEIR BIG MAJORITIES TO THE NEGRO COUNTIES, WHILE ALL THE WHITE COUNTIES INCREASED THEIR VOTE AGAINST THEM. THEN WHEN MEN GET A THING BOAST OF IT, UNTIL YEARS AFTERWARDS.

### BELLAMY AND HIS MELATTO PROXIES.

The Wilmington Messenger says that one J. C. Stanley who had forty mulatto tenants, has tendered to Mr. Bellamy the use of those mulattoes to help him in a personal encounter with Senator Butler. We suppose that Mr. Stanley made this tender of his negro tenants with the permission of Mr. Bellamy. Now, since Mr. Bellamy has shown the white feather and proved that he too cowardly to meet Senator Butler single handed, we suggest that he might get two of Mr. Stanley's negro tenants, if he can't get any one else as his proxy. Bellamy and the other negro salaried howlers, claim that two Democrats are afraid of one negro, but there is not a single Populist in the State who is afraid of two negroes or two Bellamys either.

### FROM DEMOCRATIC SOURCES WE LEARN THAT THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC AND POPULIST COMMITTEES ARE TRYING TO "TASE" ON MR. STEVENSON AS VICE PRESIDENT. IT HAS BEEN CHARGED BY HIS ENEMIES AND SOME FEW OF HIS PRETENDED FRIENDS, THAT CHAIRMAN BUTLER WAS TRYING TO CARRY THE POPULISTS INTO THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY. WHEN THE CARRYING TIME COMES, IT SEEMS THEY HAVE CHANGED THEIR WORDS AND CLAIM THAT HE MAY WANT A STRAIGHT POPULIST FOR VICE PRESIDENT. SENATOR BUTLER WOULD HAVE TO BE A THOUSAND MEN WORKING IN A THOUSAND WAYS, TO FULFILL THE PROPHECIES OF THE MODERN, SATAN-CALLED PROPHETS.

### IT IS WORSE THAN "A BLUSH" OF SHAME.

The Charlotte Observer, in its issue of Aug. 10th, says: "The Lumberton Robesonian gives over the discussion as to whether Robeson or Mecklenburg is entitled to the Democratic banner on account of the election of last week, in view of information that 'the Democratic majority in Halifax county is about 6,000.' It observes that Robeson and Mecklenburg 'ain't in it, even a little bit.' They don't seem to be. Speaking for Mecklenburg, she slips her flag to Robeson, and yields the contest to Halifax with a blush."

And this blush of shame will soon turn to the black mortification of political death.

### DEMOCRATIC PAPERS, WE ARE GLAD TO SEE, SEEM TO BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL WORK. THEY ADVISE THE PEOPLE TO SPARE NO TIME AND EXPENSE TO HAVE A SCHOOL IN EVERY NEIGHBORHOOD TO EDUCATE THE CHILDREN. IT IS QUITE A CHANGE FROM THE INTEREST THEY TOOK IN 1897 TO INCREASE THE TERM AND OTHERWISE BETTER THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IT WILL TAKE MORE MONEY TO BETTER THE SCHOOLS AND TO INSURE THEM TO WHAT THE DEMOCRATS PROMISED, YET SO FAR, THEY HAVE MADE NO EFFORT TO INCREASE THAT FUND. WE HOPE THEIR ZEAL WILL NOT DIE OUT BEFORE SOMETHING IS DONE ALONG THIS LINE.

### CAN'T FOOL YOUR MAKER.

We have never been able to see why men should place a higher standard on his neighbor's political life than his social and moral life. We can't understand how a man, in social, religious and business life can be a gentleman and a Christian, and at the same time simply because he disagrees with you politically, he is a scoundrel and a dangerous citizen, and should be rotten-egged, beaten and even killed by a red shirt drunken gang, urged on by men who claim to have the spirit of Christ in them. We can't see how a man can be a fit subject for Christ's church a good neighbor, worthy to eat at your table, sleep on your bed, nurse your sick, bury your dead, help you build churches, pay the preacher, teach in the Sunday school, pray in public, lead in the prayer meetings, yet the minute some drunken politician gets on the stump and squalls "nigger" and this good man refuses to chime in and say "me too," just that moment he becomes a scoundrel, must be ostracized and rotten-egged by these same neighbors and church brethren. No one but a fool will think he can fool God with such hypocrisy.

### WE LOOKED ALL OVER THE NEWS AND OBSERVER FRIDAY FOR A REPORT, AND BIG DISPLAY HEADLINES OF A BASTARDY TRIAL THAT OCCURRED IN THIS COUNTY, BUT FAILED TO FIND IT. WE CONCLUDED THAT THE OBSERVER ONLY REPORTS SUCH NEWS WHEN IT REFLECTS ON SOME POPULIST OR REPUBLICAN.

### THE VANCE DEMOCRATIC BANNER GOES TO THE NEGRO COUNTY OF HALIFAX.

### ON WHICH SIDE DO YOU STAND?

The action of the Democratic Machine under Simmons direction in conducting the recent election has raised one of the greatest moral and political issues that a free people were ever called upon to face and solve. That question is: Are you in favor of free speech, honest elections and no taxation without representation, or are you on the side of rascality, ballot box stuffing and the rule of Redshirt oligarchy? This is a square issue presented to the people of the State. Until this issue is settled, there is and can be no other issue. There is no middle ground. On which side do you stand?

The News and Observer, of the 11th inst., takes up, in a garbled way, what the Hickory Mercury had to say about Bryan and red shirts, and then says it is Senator Butler talking through Click. There is not a word of truth in all the Observer said. If the Observer had an idea above that of "nigger," it would have known better. The Observer is so constituted that if it should stumble upon a single truth, it would fall over it and then get up and swear she had been assailed by a "nigger."

### AS NEAR AS THEY EVER GET TO THE TRUTH.

The Charlotte Observer contains the following:

"The Greensboro Telegram has reliable information to the effect that Marion Butler has announced his intention of leaving North Carolina forever. Butler also made the statement to a Republican a few days before the election that if the Democrats carried the amendment and the Legislature, he would use his influence to give the State to McKinley in the November election."

### CHAIRMAN SIMMONS KINDER MIXED.

It seems they have Chairman Simmons kinder mixed. Some time ago they reported him as saying that the race issue would not be discussed in the election this fall. But the Raleigh correspondent to the Charlotte Observer on the 12th inst., reports him as saying:

"If the Republicans attempt to organize and vote the 89,000 ignorant negroes whom the constitutional amendment disfranchises, but who will be entitled to vote in the November election because the amendment will not go into effect until 1902, this course of conduct will inject the race issue in its worst form into politics."

Now the above is clear. It means that if the Republicans will quietly stand aside and let the Democrats vote and count the negro vote for their party, the race issue will not be discussed. But if the Republicans ask or try to vote the negroes for McKinley, the 89,000 who still have the right to vote, then some of them will get killed, as that is what we interpret "its worst form in politics" to mean. Simmons ought to be willing for the negroes to cast their last vote as they desire. No one but a heartless wretch would be so mean and cruel.

Democratic office seekers are popping up like house flies, since the stolen victory. Every State candidate will have more applications than he can say grace over, and every one will claim that his untiring work alone elected him. Then there are at least a dozen men now who think they should be elected to the U. S. Senate. If these boys fall out over this stolen property, perhaps they will tell on the gentlemen who planned the game.

### THE POPULIST DEMANDS AN INVESTIGATION IN THIS TOWNSHIP AS WELL AS IN NORTH CLINTON, BUT ON INVESTIGATION WAS PROMPTLY REFUSED BY THAT IMMORTAL CANVASSING BOARD WHOSE NAMES WE HAVE GIVEN ABOVE.

This township was also safely Populist, but was counted in for the Democrats by some 75 majority by the same fraudulent methods that were adopted in North Clinton township with the additional advantage, that all the election judges were Democrats. There was no Populist representation at all, and the votes were counted by one man who counted the tickets "Populist" or "Democrat" according to his own wicked proclivities.

I have enumerated above some of the crime and wickedness of the Democrats during this campaign, which has forever disgraced and damned them in this county. Our people, regardless of party, color or previous conditions are thoroughly indignant. They could not steal enough to capture the county or this senatorial district, and they never will. This county, whatever may be the alignment of parties in the future, is lost to the Democrats forever. Hundreds of men who voted the Democratic ticket in this election have denounced them and left them since the election.

### AS WE HAVE SAID ABOVE, THE FIGHT IN THIS COUNTY WAS STRICTLY BETWEEN WHITE MEN AND WHY OUR COUNTY SHOULD HAVE BEEN INVADDED BY A FOREIGN INVASION OF RED SHIRTS AND COWARDS, WHO WALKED OUR STREETS WITH WHISTLES AND PISTOLS, UNMOLDED BY POLICE AUTHORITIES, IS A BLISTERING SHAME; AND WHEN THIS LAWLESS MOB OF RED SHIRTS, WITH GUNS ON THEIR SHOULDERS AND PISTOLS IN THEIR BELTS,

### THE PEOPLE OF SAMPSON COUNTY INDIGNANT.

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3d. The names on the tickets were not read aloud as required by law, in fact, the names on the tickets were not read at all, but counted "Populist" or "Democrat," as the said judge chose to count them.

4th. That the counting was so illegal and fraudulent as to change a Populist majority of three to a Democratic majority of from 90 to 111 votes. Upon these charges the count for the Populist began to introduce evidence, offering as many as six men of good character to prove each charge. The evidence began to pile up against these Democratic election officials and it was black and sickening to behold. We demanded the tally sheets, to prove our charges of fraud in the count and show that they had been tampered with since they were signed up on the night of the count. We offered the Populist judge to prove this against them, who would swear that two rows of the tally sheet had been erased as well as the figures which showed a Populist majority in the township box; whereas, it was made to count forty Democratic majority. The Democratic registrar admitted having these tally sheets but refused to produce them to verify our charge. The evidence was growing so large for these dirty fellows that they adjourned the board to meet again on Monday morning to continue the hearing. They met again on Monday, and upon coming together to the dismay and disgust of all decent, fair-minded people, they passed a resolution to admit no more evidence against their crowd, for it was evident to every one that a fair and full investigation of the Democratic registrars and judges in North and South Clinton townships would not only warrant throwing out both these townships, fraudulently counted Democratic, but would also forever destroy the character and reputation of every mother-son of them that participated in the steal.

### THE PEOPLE OF SAMPSON COUNTY INDIGNANT.

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Counsel for the Populists demanded the roll call of the Board when they passed this disgraceful resolution, and demanded the same when the vote was taken to throw out the four Populist townships above, but to the disgust of all the spectators they snerled and sneered, and crouched behind each other and cast sheep-killing glances on the floor and voted "no," thereby showing to the world that they were ashamed to go on record before the withering scorn of an outraged and indignant people. These grave charges we have preferred against the Sampson county canvassing board, and in order that the people may know upon whom to fasten their contempt, we give their names in full below:

Chief Advisor and Ring Master, J. D. O. Kerr.

North Clinton, H. B. Chesnut.

South Clinton, J. A. Beaman.

Lisbon, John Johnson.

Franklin, Bullie Moore.

Taylor's Bridge, Amos Smith.

Turkey, Luke Kennedy.

Piney Grove, Henry L. Clifton.

Halls, Tom Hobbs.

Newton Grove, J. W. Bryan.

Westbrooks, George Warren.

Mingo, Eli Wilson.

Herrings, Blake Warren.

Honeycuts, W. A. Baggett.

Dismal, Lewis Spell.

Little Coharie, A. R. Harris.

McDaniels, Owen Owens.

### SOUTH CLINTON TOWNSHIP.

The Populist demanded an investigation in this township as well as in North Clinton, but on investigation was promptly refused by that immortal canvassing board whose names we have given above.

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### GOVERNOR MCCORD.

Recommends Pe-ru-na For Catarrh.



Hon. M. H. McCord.

Hon. Myron H. McCord, Ex-Governor of New Mexico, in a letter to Dr. Hartman, from Washington, D. C., says:

"Dear Sir:—At the suggestion of a friend I was advised to use Pe-ru-na for catarrh, and after using one bottle I began to feel better in every way. It helped me in many respects. I was troubled with colds, coughs, sore throat, etc., but as soon as I had taken your medicine I began to improve and soon got well. I take pleasure in recommending your great remedy to all who are afflicted with catarrh.—M. H. McCord."

The spring presents a much more favorable opportunity for the permanent cure of chronic catarrh, especially old, stubborn cases. Now is the time to begin treatment. Insist upon having Pe-ru-na. There are no successful substitutes for this remedy. Send to Dr. Hartman, Columbus, Ohio, for a free catarrh book.

murder in their hearts, should be outbanned by civilized people, and encouraged by professed Christians is a scene not witnessed since the reformation, when Martin Luther thundered at the Diet at Worms, and people were persecuted and burnt at the stake for their honest convictions.

Here in the year of Our Lord 1900, ministers of the Gospel who are chosen to teach religious toleration and lead people to Christ, were actually seen sitting on horseback at the head of this lawless and irresponsible mob of red shirt anarchists and murderers.

"When the fountains are destroyed what shall the righteous do?"

### "THOU SHALT NOT."

Every Christian in the State knows where the above quotation is from. He knows that it is one of the Ten Commandments. He believes in this Commandment and lives up to it. He knows that it does not mean that thou shalt not steal, not only thy neighbor's sheep, but that it also means that thou shalt not steal thy neighbor's vote or anything else that is his. Since the above is one of the Ten Commandments, and since every Christian believes in and lives up to that Commandment, therefore it follows that among the registrars, judges, county board of election and other officers of election, who, under Simmons' instructions, stole the State last week, that there is not a single Christian. If among this gang of election thieves there is a single man who claims to be a Christian, we will be glad to hear his defence. If there was thievery and rascality at his election precinct and in his county, and we will be glad to publish the same so that a good man may decide whether such a man is in the side of the Lord or on the side of the devil.

### SHE IS NOT BUILT THAT WAY.

A Canadian editor being asked if he had ever seen a bald-headed woman, replied: "No, we never did. No woman ever seen a woman walking around with her hair shirt sleeves a cigar between her teeth. We have never seen a woman go fishing with a bottle in her hip pocket, sit on the damp ground all day, and then go home drunk at night. No woman ever seen a woman yank off her coat and swear she could lick any man in town. God bless her! She ain't built that way.—Mountain State Odd Fellow."

### IS IT NOT THE ADULT STEVENSON POP?

(Washington Post.)

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### IN ORDER TO BE CURED.

What Must You Do? You Cannot Cure Yourself, and Nature Will Not Cure You.

Are You the Man to Whom This is Written? If so You Will Know What to Do.

In order for you to be cured, it is not only necessary that the doctor who treats you should know absolutely the cause which affects you, but just how far that disease and its complications have undermined what is called your general health.

Can you tell, from your feelings, what vital organs of your body your disease is now attacking? You feel at times that your nerves are unstrung, that your brain is out of order, that your heart does not beat regularly, you know that a little out of order on your heart does not heal readily, that your appetite is feeble, that your bowels are irregular, that there is lameness and stiffness about your muscles and joints, that there is pain in different parts of your body, that your feet and joints swell, that your nights are disturbed by unusual dreams, that you are startled by common sounds, that you get dizzy and see spots floating before your eyes.

Every one of these symptoms mean the serious progress of your disease. You don't want to experiment, you want to be cured. You want to be rid of every distressing symptom; you want to feel that vigor and enthusiasm which goes with a healthy manhood; you want to be able to work and to enjoy.

I have treated cases like yours for 20 years; I know what your symptoms mean and I know that if you have not delayed too long, I can make you a sound, well vigorous man, fitted for the place in the world which nature intended for you. Other doctors send me their "hopeless cases, knowing that I never fail in any case which I undertake. I make a specialty of cases like yours, chronic diseases which baffle the skill of other physicians.

Let me know about your case in fullest detail. I come to you if you call; if you cannot write to me, unless you take a course of treatment, it will cost you nothing for my services—consultation and advice are free. Possibly you need no medicine; if not, I will tell you so and tell you what to do. If you need pay me nothing; possibly also, I cannot help you—if not, I will tell you so frankly and without fee.

At most, my charge will be merely a nominal one, which will be no financial burden to you.

I have just published a new edition of my new 64-page book, "Manliness, Vigor, Health," a copy of which I will be glad to send you free postpaid if you will send me your name and address.

You can judge much better what I can do for you, and so on; I, after we have had an interview, or corresponded with each other.

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